

Adam Beck School Council minutes

23 January 2020

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Scenna	Julie Middleton	Wendy Collins
Ms Newnham	Jeny Nussey	Michael Gallinger
	Andrea Casciato	Darren Macnamara
	Marina Cattai	Pam Warrington Scott
	Lisa Flood	
	Christina Gjiri	
	Matt Gowing	
	Jennifer Haines	
	Christa Jay	
	Jeff Jay	
	Michelle Lavoie	
	Shannon Magennis	
	Francesca Rea	
	Paula Sherman	
	Jennifer Starr	
	Heidi Visser	
	Melanie Zettler	
	Samantha North	

Welcome and Introductions

Jeny welcomed the group and gave the land acknowledgement

Minutes Review

MOTION: Julie asked for approval of the November minutes. Jennifer proposed the motion and Jeny seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Principal's Report

Ms Scenna gave the updates:

- Tech order received today approx. \$6,000.00 in laptops, Chrome books, granted a card for further tech and lots more to come to create a balance in availability across classrooms
- Toronto Island School potentially cancelled due to teacher job action – may be looking at a later date
- Strike action emails coming in to parents directly – Ms Scenna not allowed to send those messages and limited in her ability to share that info

- Dance-a-thon will be delayed a few months due to teacher involvement required – teachers DJ! Will still have fundraiser, maybe different theme from Valentine’s 🦋
- TDSB letter sent regarding cancelling report cards
- Teacher interviews will only be occurring on Friday all day – usual Thurs night cancelled. In the next day or so we’ll receive clarification in case of parents who are teachers having trouble attending and parents in general.
- Kindergarten registration Feb 18 and 19 – mostly on-line, with some forms at the office
- Lego Wed and Tues + Fri Chess – outside groups handling and paid by parents which is why they are continuing
- Read-a-Thon Feb. 3 start
- Dragon parade 9am this Monday + Lunar New Year
- Hoarding: scaffolding on condo being built = boards isolating an area for safety. Marietta Fox in charge of community projects. Longtime beaches resident daughter of builder. Want 66 pieces of ego-friendly art to display at Kingston Road and Main corner – chose Adam Beck due to our eco reputation. She will drop off all supplies and kids can volunteer. In return they’ll donate \$2,500.00 to school for eco-purposes and \$2,500.00 to Covenant House on behalf of Adam Beck.
- A parent asked about lead in the water – pricing being done for water filter system through TDSB, our application is in.
- Ottawa trip expected to go ahead for June

Treasurer’s report

Matt and Jeff provided updates:

- Raised over \$35,000.00 so far which is more than half of what we’re expecting
- Pizza lunch and movie night solid contributors to funds – especially pizza 🍕
- Holiday party brought in more than expected and was a well-attended and warm-hearted event
- Adopt-a-Family – school council supplemented \$466 towards purchases for families from tree
- New hockey socks for school team
- Staff appreciation
- Hockey ice time
- Visiting Artists: published author visit
- Summary of cash flow: \$6,700 hold-over

Council Website: Class Eco Postings

Add updates for parents on what different classes are working on in regards to Eco-friendly initiatives

To be found at Adam Beck Corner – Eco updates <https://adambeckcouncil.ca/adam-beck-corner/adam-beck-eco-team/>

Guest Speaker Amanda: Keeping Kids Safe Online (from Telus Wise Workshops)

- Empowering Canadians to stay safe in our digital world
- Youth workshops all available on-line for free with a number of other resources <https://www.telus.com/en/wise>
- Learning role of parent and different concerns based on age groups eg. inappropriate content, stranger danger online, digital footprint, expectations, screen time
- Screen Time: Canadian Pediatric Society recommends 0 screen time for 2 and under, 1 hour or less for 5 and under, variables differ for ages over 5 based on temperament of children etc.
- Cyberbullying – 42% of Canadian youth have been cyberbullied

- Tips for youth: Stop engaging in the conversation, block the user, record the messages, talk to someone.
- Sexting – occurs a lot and often are shared. <https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/> will work with families to get photos shared without consent taken down
- Gaming – 2nd to Youtube/TV gaming is next most popular online activity for younger kids. Documentary called Screenagers
- Social Media – check privacy and permissions settings. Learn about the app yourself
 - Google Reverse photo look-up
 - <https://www.common sense media.org/>
- Online Slang – urban dictionary
- Parental Controls: pcmag.com – filtering, control, monitoring. Parent approves app, vault apps that hide secret folders
- Recommend we take the telus.com/digitalpledge <https://www.telus.com/en/wise/pledge>

Committee Updates

- Michelle – Read-a-thon design contest is over – still getting in from teachers. Creating small postcards. All will be displayed in library
- Movie Night Friday – Toy Story 4!
- Adopt-a-Family – delivery to 4 families went well. Looking at making changes for next year – adding seniors and/or back packs for teens.
- Spirit - Julie - skating party
 - Blue Jays: date tbc \$25/ticket in the 500s
- STEM - Francesca: Chess came in, Codezilla, U of T coming in to do workshops

New Business

- Jeny offered posts for parents to sign and support teachers in job action.

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